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The provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Cuban and Santo Dominican ports via Ponce and Mayaguez, P. R., entered on the 20th instant. The vessel had undergone her usual disinfection at Santiago de Cuba, and as all passengers for Porto Rico were immunes they were permitted to land and the ship given free pratique. Seventeen pieces of baggage taken on by this vessel at Santo Domingo were disinfected here.

The German steamship *Croatia* arrived on the 28th instant from Kingston, Sabanilla, Cartagena, and Colon. She brought no passengers or baggage for Porto Rico, and discharged no freight at this port. The vessel was put in quarantine and guards were placed on board while she remained here.

On the 30th the provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera* entered from her usual Cuban and Dominican ports of call. She had been disinfected at Santiago de Cuba as usual, and as she carried no nonimmune passengers, the vessel was granted free pratique. Six pieces of baggage from Puerto Plata were taken to the island and disinfected.

I inclose herein the vital statistics of San Juan.

The following comprises a summary of the work done at the several subports during the month. Vessels inspected: *Mayaguez*, 8; *Arecibo*, none; *Humacao*, 5; *Aguadilla*, 1; *Arroyo*, 1; *Fajardo*, none.

The following is the mortality report from the subports: *Mayaguez*, 96; *Arecibo*, 83; *Humacao*, 39; *Aguadilla*, 31; *Fajardo*, 32; *Arroyo*, 11.

The sanitary and health conditions of the island remain good and no quarantinable disease is at present existant in the island.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for August, 1901.

Anæmia.....	1	Malnutrition.....	1
Athrepsia.....	1	Meningitis.....	2
Appendicitis.....	1	Pneumonia.....	2
Asistolia.....	1	Pernicious fever.....	1
Broncho-pneumonia.....	1	Peritonitis.....	1
Cerebral congestion.....	1	Rheumatism.....	1
Cancerous cachexiæ.....	1	Shock, traumatic.....	1
Cardiac lesion.....	2	Senile debility.....	1
Cancer of mouth.....	1	Senile cachexiæ.....	1
Carcinoma of stomach.....	1	Senile gangrene.....	1
Enteritis.....	7	Tetanus.....	5
Entero-colitis.....	3	Tuberculosis, pulmonary.....	9
Gastro-enteritis.....	1		
Hydræmia.....	1	Total.....	59
Hypertrophy of heart.....	1		
Hepatitis.....	1	August, 1900—	
Intestinal obstruction.....	1	Births.....	63
Laryngitis, tuberculous.....	4	Deaths.....	106
Lymphatism.....	1	August, 1901—	
Mitral insufficiency.....	1	Births.....	68
Meningo-encephalitis.....	1	Deaths.....	59

Concerning the case of yellow fever on the steamship Saint Simon in July.

SAN JUAN, P. R., September 5, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that upon the arrival of the French steamship *Saint Simon* upon the 4th instant, it was learned that the case of yellow fever on board that vessel, when she was here upon July 16

last, died at sea two days after leaving St. Thomas. There was black vomit during the last days of the illness, and the body was markedly jaundiced at and after death. The body was buried at sea and provisional disinfection done. Upon arrival at Havre, the vessel was quarantined and the vessel, passengers, crew, and freight were disinfected.

The consular bill of health certified to the above facts, and the vessel was admitted, after thorough inspection, to free pratique at this port. The fact is perhaps of interest, in connection with the fatal outcome of the case, that the vessel was admitted to free pratique at St. Thomas and the case diagnosed as malarial fever.

Respectfully,

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Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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Inspection of immigrants at San Juan and subports for the week ended September 7, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *September 10, 1901.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended September 7, 1901: September 2, Spanish steamship *Berenguer el Grande*, from Barcelona, Valencia, Alicante, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Teneriffe, and La Palma, with 1 immigrant. September 4, French steamship *Saint Simon*, from Havre, Bordeaux, and St. Thomas, with 12 immigrants. Total, 13.

Respectfully,

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SAN JUAN, P. R., *September 11, 1901.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving during the week ended September 7, 1901, at subports of Porto Rico.

Mayaguez.—French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Fort de France, St. Pierre, Point a Pitre, Basse Terre, St. Thomas, and Ponce, P. R., with 2 immigrants.

Other subports.—No transactions.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
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Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *September 9, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended September 7, 1901. Three vessels were inspected and passed and 3 bills of health were issued.

Nothing of interest in sanitary or quarantine lines has occurred.

Respectfully,

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